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WILLTOWN OR NEW LONDON.

By Henry A. M. Smith.

The town of Willtown, Wilton, or New London, altho it has been for many years one of the "dead towns" of South Carolina — indeed nothing but an abandoned town site — yet was the first settlement after Charles Town which seems to have attained even the dimensions of a small town. We have not yet sufficient data or remaining records from which there can be positively stated when it was first settled or even the exact name by which it was designated. The first mention we find of a contemplated town on the Edisto River is in some instructions dated May 10, 1682 from the Lords Proprietors to Maurice Matthews Esq., or the Surveyor General of Carolina as follows:

"We understand that there is on Edistoh River about
"20 miles above the head of Ashley River a
"convenient fertill peece of Land fitt to build a Towne
"on five hundred akers of w^{ch} We would have re-
"served for that Use & 11500 more about it for a col-
"lony & it being above the salts & tides."

The site of Willtown is not 20 miles above the head of Ashley river nor is it above tides, but as the geographical knowledge of the Proprietors at that time concerning the Province was very hazy it may be they had reference to Willtown bluff.

On 22 June 1683 the Lords Proprietors sent a letter of instructions to the Governor and Parliament of the Province with regard to holding the election for Parliament at more than one place so as to enable the scattered settlers to vote. In this letter the following passage occurs.

"There are two counties so planted as to be capa-
"ble of it. We hereby order the biennial Parliament
"to be held next November for the future Parliament

¹London Transcripts in office Hist. Commission. Vol. 1, p. 135.

Part of James Cochran's	Land
Shore Ditch	East



Land East

Black oak

3x Pine

Smith fields 166 167 168 152	Chapman Square 153	169 170 154	171 155 156	172 157 158	173 158 159	174 159 160	175 160 161	176 161 162	177 162 163	178 163 164	179 164 165	180 165 166	181 166 167	182 167 168	183 168 169	184 169 170	185 170 171	186 171 172	187 172 173	188 173 174	189 174 175	190 175 176	191 176 177	192 177 178	193 178 179	194 179 180	195 180 181	196 181 182	197 182 183	198 183 184	199 184 185	200 185 186	201 186 187	202 187 188	203 188 189	204 189 190	205 190 191	206 191 192	207 192 193	208 193 194	209 194 195	210 195 196	211 196 197	212 197 198	213 198 199	214 199 200	215 200 201	216 201 202	217 202 203	218 203 204	219 204 205	220 205 206	221 206 207	222 207 208	223 208 209	224 209 210	225 210 211	226 211 212	227 212 213	228 213 214	229 214 215	230 215 216	231 216 217	232 217 218	233 218 219	234 219 220	235 220 221	236 221 222	237 222 223	238 223 224	239 224 225	240 225 226	241 226 227	242 227 228	243 228 229	244 229 230	245 230 231	246 231 232	247 232 233	248 233 234	249 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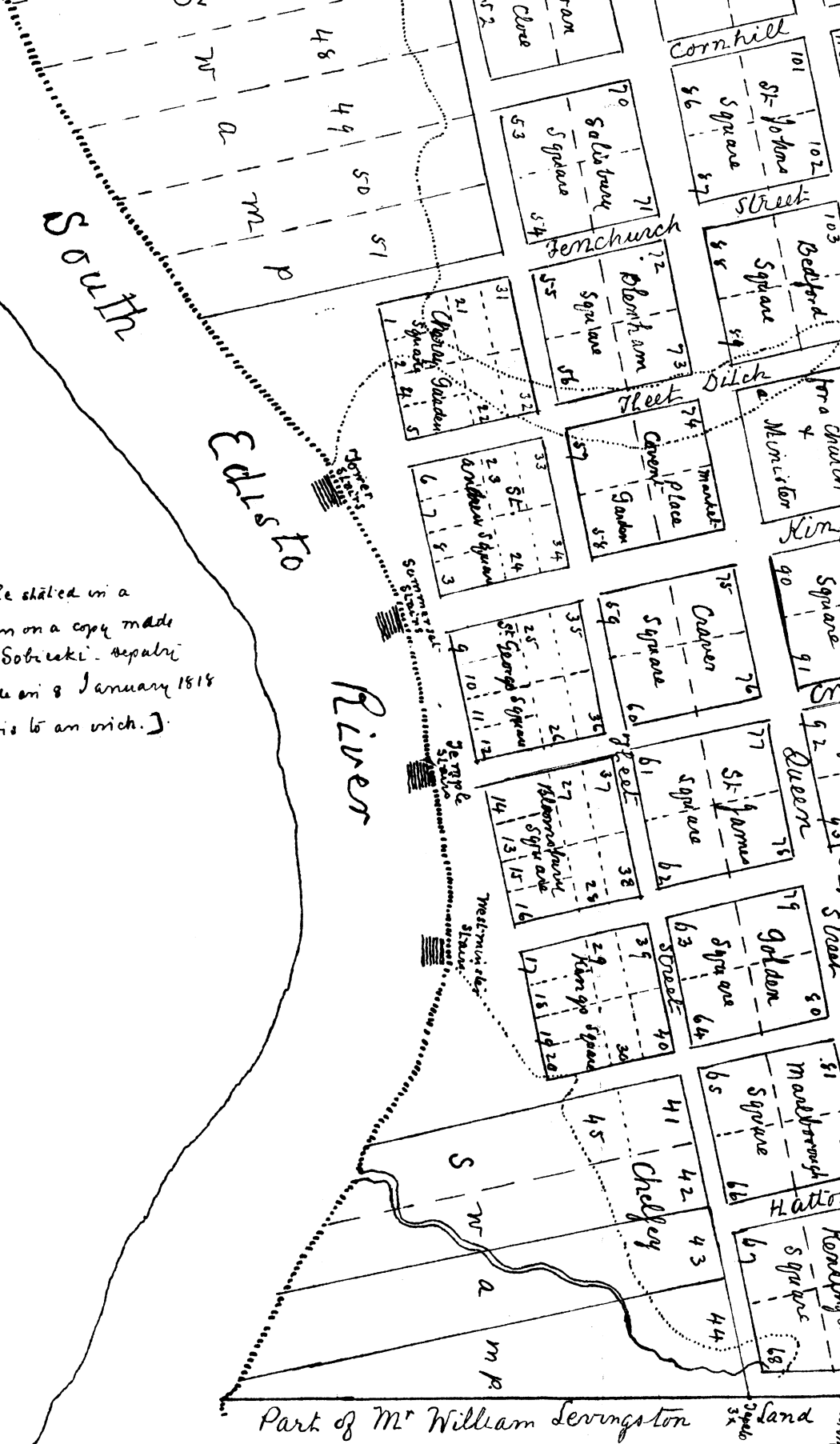
[Note - Scale stated in a memorandum on a copy made by Thaddeus Sobieski. Separate Survey on made on 8 January 1818 to be 5 chains to an inch.]

South

Edisto

River

Part of Mr William Livingston's Land





pine

pine

part of Mr. James Cockrans land

Hickory

3 x Water Oak



Chelsey Road

White Oak
Red Oak
S. Oak
White Oak
Pine
Pine
Smok Gum

"of twenty persons, ten to be chosen by the freeholders of Berkeley County in Charlestown and ten by the freeholders of Colleton County in London in the said County."²

Whether the "London" here referred to had developed even to the dignity of a village would appear doubtful from a letter of the Proprietors to Sir R. Kyrle Governor dated 3 June 1684, in which they write

"We have often recommended the building of towns to the people but in vain; We now recommend the same thing to yourself—one or two villages would suffice to show the Convenience of it."³

Again in a letter to Governor Joseph West dated 16 February 1684/5 the Proprietors say:

"We being fully Convinced that Charles towne is so Scituate that it must be alwayes unhealthy in the hott months of the Sumer doe thinke fitt that the Courts there held be adjourned from the 10th of June to the 10th of October that men may not be obliged to come into so unhealthy a place at that time of the yeare and if any Accident should Happen that doth make it needful to call the Councell or Parliam^t. Wth in that time Wee would have you apoint the meeting to be at London or Some place nere the head of Ashley River".⁴

And in a later letter dated 25 June 1684 they refer to

"our Instructions for granting of Land directed for the lands about London in Colleton & other Port Townes".

So in the letter to Governor Joseph Morton Dated 26 April 1686 they write

"We desire you to take great Care y^e y^e Land of y^e squares about London Town be not granted to any

²Ibid vol 1—p. 244.

³Calendar of State Papers Am: & West Indies 1681-1685, p. 645-6.

⁴London Transcripts in office Hist. Commission vol 2 p. 4

⁵Ibid vol 1—p. 304

"But as we by our Instructions for granting Land have
"directed & not otherwise".⁶

Do these references to London mean the town later known as Willtown and still later as New London? They are not sufficiently definite for it to be said that they do, and yet on the principle of exclusion it would not appear that they refer to any other place.

There is another difficulty—

In a letter dated Dec 20 1697 from the Lords Proprietors to Governor Joseph Blake they say

"We very well approve of your New Towne and y^e.
"name you have given it."

We have not among any of the remaining records the communications from the Governor and Council giving the new town and its proposed name— and the letter quoted from the Lords Proprietors does not mention the name. The town of Dorchester on Ashley River was laid out just at that date but it was not laid out by the Government. It was laid out by the individuals who had acquired the land which included the site. Nor was it known as the town of Dorchester at that time— A tract of some 4050 acres had been purchased for certain intending immigrants from New England and the whole tract was called Dorchester or Dorchester land. The part laid out in lots for a town was called the "place for trade "in Dorchester." The name too was bestowed by the settlers and not by the Governor and Council. Yet if the references in the letters of the Proprietors to "London" and "London Town" from 1682 to 1686 mean the later town of Willtown or New London why in 1691 do they speak of it as "your New Towne" and approve of the name?

About this time we first meet the name of Wiltown. There are on record two grants, both dated 8 January

⁶Ibid vol 2 p. 133.

⁷Ibid, vol 3, p. 236.

1697, for lots in Wiltown. The grants are in express terms stated to be for lots in the "Town of Wilton"—and are made to Landgrave Joseph Morton.⁸

The first grant is for lot N°. 13 butting and bounding
 "West on the wharfe or Front street, South on the
 "second street that lyes south from the Grand street
 "that runs East & West to the East on lot N°. 23 &
 "North on lot N°. 12".

The next grant is for lot N°. 3
 "as in y^e Grand Platt of the s^d Town West on
 "the Wharfe or front st South on the Grand street of
 "the s^d. Town y^e Runs East & West to the West on the
 "first street that runs parallel to the s^d Wharfe or
 "Front street & to the North on lots 5 & 16."

A comparison of these descriptions with the plan of New London published herewith will show that these boundings on other numbered lots do not agree with the lots of the numbers granted as they appear on the plan. These earlier lots would appear to have been granted with reference to a different plan. At the same time lots 3 and 13 on the plan are out of their place and order and it is possible that when a new and enlarged plan was later laid out for New London these two lots were left as already located and granted altho' the order of the numbering of the other lots was changed. The records do not show how and when the name of Wilton or Willtown was given. In a deed of much later date viz 16 February 1731⁹ made to James Smith of "Will Town" he conveys a plantation or Island which he purchased of Robert Yonge in Colleton County "being opposite to Will^m Town."

The spelling of the name is also elsewhere often given as Will Town. The conclusion of the writer is that as the name Charles Town was bestowed when King Charles reigned, and James Town in honor of King James, so in

⁸Office Hist. Commission Book N. C. p. p 188-189.

⁹Office Hist Commission Memo: Bk vol 2, p. 64.

1697 when King William was on the throne the name of William Town was given to the New Town which had just assumed shape. This name subsequently was abbreviated to Will Town or Wilton by which name it has ever since been known notwithstanding strenuous efforts to change it later to New London.

The records apparently show no other grant to lots in Willtown of that date nor are there any other grants referring to the same plan as referred to in the grants to Landgrave Morton. Again on 19 Octr 1699, the Proprietors write to Governor Joseph Blake that they—

“Will send directions respecting the Edisto river settlement”

but the name of the settlement is not mentioned.

In an Act of the General Assembly ratified 23 December 1703¹⁰, Commissioners are appointed and directed to lay out and construct a road

“from the plantation of Thomas Rose planter on the South West side of Ashley river to the town in Colleton County called Wilton”.

About this time the attempt must have been made to change this name to New London for in Oldmixons Carolina published in 1708 he states”,

“Two miles higher is Wilton, by some called New London, a little town, consisting of about 80 houses.

“Landgrave Moreton, Mr. Blake, Mr. Boon, Landgrave Axtell, and other considerable planters have settlements in this neighborhood, which is Sir John Colletons precinct”

The writer is inclined to doubt that Willtown had at that time so many as 80 houses. The only grants that the writer has been able to find of that date are the two to Landgrave Morton.

Oldmixon is not known to have been in Carolina and it is probable that this statement was only second hand from information.

¹⁰General Stats. S. C. vol. 9, p. 2.

¹¹Carroll's Collection vol. 2, p. 453.

The old name however held on.

In an Act ratified 10 Nov^r., 1711¹², the town is referred to as Wilton, and in another Act ratified 7th. June 1712¹³, it is provided:

“That a common highway shall be made and laid out
“from the end of the bridge over South Edisto river
“to the most convenient place of the highway from the
“ferry to Wilton”.

In the next Act ratified 12 June 1714¹⁴, both names are applied to the Town.

In Section 1, a road is ordered to be laid out from
“John Fripp’s plantation on Edisto Island to Wilton”.

In Section 4, another road is ordered to be laid out from
“the most convenient part of the New London road
“to the most convenient place on South Edisto river
“over against the plantation of Capt John Jackson on
“South Edisto river” to be done at the labour and
charge of the persons “living within two miles of
“South Edisto river on the North side from Wilton to
“the plantation of James Rixons on South Edisto
“river, and the persons living at New London and at
“the plantation of James Rixons.”

And in Section 15, this Act repeals the clause in the Act
of 7th June 1712,

“relating to making a high road from New London (form-
“erly called Wilton) road to the end of the present bridge
“over South Edisto river.”

This last Statute is the only one in which the name New
London appears.

The large number of grants of lots in the town ap-
pear of record about this time. In these grants the lot
granted is referred to as situate in the Town of New Lon-
don, never in Willtown. The grants range in date from
June 1714 to August 1717. The lots granted also agree

¹²General Statutes S. C. vol. 9, p. 17.

¹³Ibid p. 27.

¹⁴Ibid p. 32.

in their descriptions with the plan which is published herewith. It is probable that when it was determined to change the name from Willtown to New London the old plan of Willtown was discarded and a larger and more comprehensive one substituted as New London.

In an unsigned letter dated 19 July 1715, in the Transcripts from the State Paper office in London¹⁵ occurs the following passage:

“about a Month Since the Apalatchee and other
“Southern Indians came down on New London and
“destroy’d all the Plantations on the way besides my
“Lady Blakes, Falls, Coll Eves and Several others,
“have also burnt Mr Boons Plantation & the Ship he
“was building”.

In the plan of New London published herewith the Town limits are given as bounding to the North and East on lands of James Cochran.

This land of James Cochran was originally granted for 2027 acres on 23 November 1714, to Landgrave Robert Daniell and in the description in the grant it is stated to bound,

“to the Southward on New London, Mr. Will^m
“Livingstons, the said Jn^o Dedcotts, and the said
“James Cochran’s land, to the Westward on the said
“Jn^o Ashes land, New London, and the said William
“Livingstons’ land”.¹⁶

William Livingston, also mentioned on the plan, received a grant on the 24 February, 1714/15¹⁷, to lot N^o. 18 in “New London Town” and on the same day received a grant¹⁸ for 500 acres on the South side of South Colleton (the name bestowed on the Edisto) river upon a creek over against “Wilton Town.”

¹⁵Office Hist Com^m. vol 6, p. 106

¹⁶Office Secrety of State Grant Bk. vol. 39 p. 42.

¹⁷Ibid p. 155

¹⁸Ibid p. 54

The old name repidly displaced the New.

In the road act ratified 12 February 1719, it is referred to as Wilton¹⁹ so also in the act ratified 16 Sept^r. 1721²⁰.

In the Act ratified 21 Sept^r. 1721, (General Statutes S. C. Vol 7. p, 166) for establishing County and Precinct Courts it is provided that a Court of Pleas assize and gaol delivery shall be established at Willtown, in Colleton County, at which Court all the inhabitants of Colleton County should be attendant; and in the act ratified the next year, 23 February 1722, establishing seven free schools in the Province, one was to be established at Willtown.

In the Act ratified 9 Decr, 1725; Col. John Palmer, Mr Robert Yonge, and M^r Thomas Hill are appointed Commissioners, and directed to build with all convenient speed, "at Willtown a chappel for the public worship of almighty God."²¹

And in the road acts ratified 29 May 1736²², and 11 March 1737²³, it is referred to as Wiltown.

Thenceforth the name New London wholly disappears, and it is always referred to as Wiltown, or, from the elevated site of the old Town, as Wiltown "bluff."

Dalcho in his Church History, published in 1820, in his account of the Parish of St Paul, Stono, states, (p. 355:)

"In the year 1740 Wiltown contained about eighty "Houses, and was sometimes called New-London".

But the writer is satisfied that this is but a repetition from Oldmixon the date being inadvertently placed as 1740 instead of 1704.

A Presbyterian congregation was early organized and a church built at Wiltown. The settlements in that neighbor-

¹⁹Statutes at Large S. C. vol 9, p. 46

²⁰Ibid p 53.

²¹Ibid vol 3, p. 253

²²Ibid vol 9, p. 93

²³Ibid p. 101

hood were largely of Presbyterians and there is in existence an agreement among Presbyterian worshippers drawn up about 1728 at "Wilton Bluff."²⁴

There exists also a subscription list for building a Presbyterian Meeting house at Wilton in 1731²⁵.

It was at this Meeting house that the Rev. Archibald Stobo was preaching on 9 September, 1739, when the news was brought of a negro insurrection which had broken out at Stono a few miles distant and had assumed alarming proportions, the insurgent negroes having swelled to a considerable number and marched towards the Edisto River destroying and burning everything in their way.

The male members of the congregation were members of the militia and had attended church with their arms as required by law. They were enabled without delay to pursue the negroes who were found on a plantation a short distance north of the road to Jacksonboro ferry and still called "Battlefield." After a short conflict the negroes were routed—many captured and the rest dispersed. The leaders were executed and the insurrection wholly suppressed.

This Meeting house appears to have been abandoned in 1767 and a new one erected about three miles off²⁶. About 1807 or not long previous to that year this last Meeting house was burned and it was judged expedient to rebuild on the old site at Wiltown and a list of subscribers was made up

"for the purpose of rebuilding the Wilton Church
"situate at Wilton Bluff."²⁷

This last must have been again destroyed for in 1820 a new house of worship was erected at a new site about a mile from the village of Adams Run at the intersection of the Wiltown road²⁸.

²⁴Howes Hist. Pres. Ch. S. C., vol. 1, p. 146.

²⁵Ibid p. 202

²⁶Ibid p. 320

²⁷Ibid p. p. 472-577 & vol. 2, p 64

²⁸Ibid p. 335

“The spot where the Church stood which was built
 “when it was adjudged expedient to remove it from the
 “Bluff is marked by some remains of the ruins and a
 “few grave stones which still stand in tolerable preservation”.²⁹

The Chapel of Ease directed by the Act of Assembly of 9th Decr 1725, to be erected at Wiltown, does not appear ever to have been built, nor is there any evidence that any Church edifice of the Church of England or the Episcopal Church of America was ever erected in Wiltown until 1834 when the congregation of Christ Church, Wiltown, was organized, and a Church erected apparently on the site of the old Presbyterian Meeting house which was purchased for the purpose.

“Standing on the Bluff one is surrounded by wide-
 “spreading live-oaks, and looks over the beautiful
 “stream below him on an extensive reach of country
 “covered by rice fields which in spring time or at harvest is one of the loveliest prospects in the low country of the State. On the site formerly occupied by
 “the church now stands an Episcopal Church, built
 “among the graves in which sleep the ashes of those
 “who died in the Presbyterian faith.”³⁰

Neither the Episcopal or the Presbyterian places of worship were constructed on the four acres marked on the plan for a Church.

Wiltown altho' the town settled next in date after Charleston, (that is if the early references to “London” were indeed to the spot afterwards called Wiltown and New London)—yet could never have attained much size or trade. It had a site fine in appearance being on a high bluff on a navigable stream, but its position was a bad one for any purposes of defence. An enemy advancing from the South would always pass it either along the navigable waterway to the East as the Spaniards did in 1688 or farther to the West as Prevost did in 1779. It was not

²⁹Ibid p. 63

³⁰Ibid, vol 1 p. 186.

suited to trade as the easy water communication with Charleston allowed the latter to supply all the territory around it. Finally it was on a fresh water stream in a most malarial section.

It may be that it attained the dignity of 80 houses as stated by Oldmixon. If so that was the high tide of its prosperity. It rapidly decayed and has not for near two centuries been anything but an abandoned Town site—occupied principally by a church and a cemetery.

The map published with this article is taken from an old parchment map in the office of the Historical Commission. This old parchment map is endorsed on the back New London or Wiltown but it is impossible to say whether the handwriting of the endorsement is as old or more recent than the map itself. The lines and figures on the old parchment map are so faint and illegible that it was impossible to trace a copy over them. The map published is a copy from a copy of the old map made by Thaddeus Sobieski who was a surveyor here early in the 19th century. This copy has however been carefully compared with and verified by the old map. The scale on the old map is stated as 5 chains per inch. The copy as published has been reduced to a smaller scale.

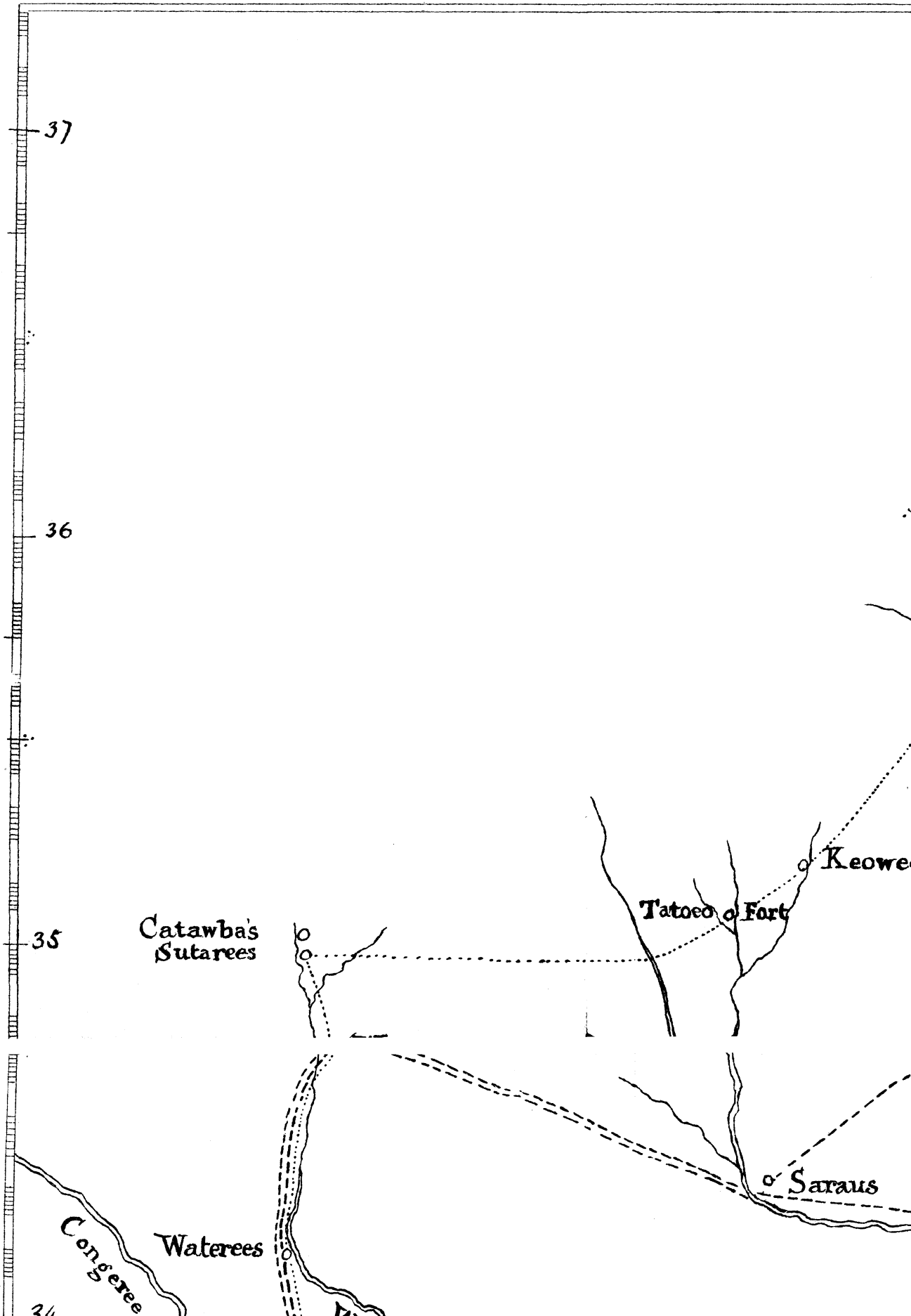
The list of grantees of lots has been made up from the grant books in the Secretary of States office—picked out as it were by turning over the pages and is therefore likely to be incomplete.

The site of the old Town is at what is now universally known as Willtown Bluff in Colleton County, on the East side of the South Edisto river where that river is commonly called the Pon Pon river, and about 5 or 5½ miles South of the present railroad bridge of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad over that river.

LIST OF GRANTEES OF LOTS

No. of Lot.	Name of Grantee	Date of Grant
3	Joseph Morton	8 Jany 1697
4	William Bull	24 Feby 1714/15
5	John Brown	8 Aug 1717
6	James Cochran	24 Feby 1714
8	Thomas Bruce	24 Feby 1714/15
9	Joseph Blake	24 Feby 1714/15
10	{ William Axon	6 April 1715
	{ John Bassett	19 Decr 1716
11	Joseph Boone	24 Feby 1714
12	Joseph Boone	24 Feby 1714
13	Joseph Morton	8 Jany 1697
17	Matthew Porter	24 Feby 1714
18	William Livingston	24 Feby 1714/15
19	George Logan	2 May 1715
21	Dennis Gibbes	1 April 1715
23	Jonathan Miller	3 March 1715
27	William Gibbon	24 Feby 1714
28	{ Charles Hart	2 Feby 1714
	{ James Cochran	1 April 1715
29	Robert Sedgwick	24 Feby 1714
30	David Bourke	24 Feby 1714
35	Coll Michael Brewton	25 Jany 1714/15
39	David Bourke	24 Feby 1714
40	{ David Bourke	7 Feby 1714
	{ John Brown	8 Aug 1717
41	Thomas Bruce	7 Aug 1717
42	Thomas Bruce	7 Aug 1717
45	Thomas Bruce	7 Aug 1717
51	William Sparry	24 Feby 1714/15
52	William Sparry	24 Feby 1714/15
57	James Cochran	1 April 1715
58	James Cochran	24 Feby 1714
59	Thomas Hepworth	24 Feby 1714
61	William Sparry	24 Feby 1714

62	William Sparry	24 Febry 1714
63	Sarah Bourke	24 Febry 1714/15
65	Capt William Scott	4 Aug: 1717
66	Capt William Scott	4 Aug: 1717
68	Thomas Bruce	8 Aug: 1717
75	Thomas Hepworth	24 Febry 1714
76	Thomas Hepworth	24 Febry 1714
77	Marmaduke Payne	24 Febry 1714
78	Marmaduke Payne	24 Febry 1714
	James Cochran	1 April 1715
81	Capt: William Scott	4 Aug: 1717
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92	Dennis Gibbes	1 April 1715
93	Joseph Boone	24 Febry 1714
98	William Sparry	29 March 1715
99	William Sparry	29 March 1715
107	Joseph Boone	24 Febry 1714
108	Joseph Boone	24 Febry 1714
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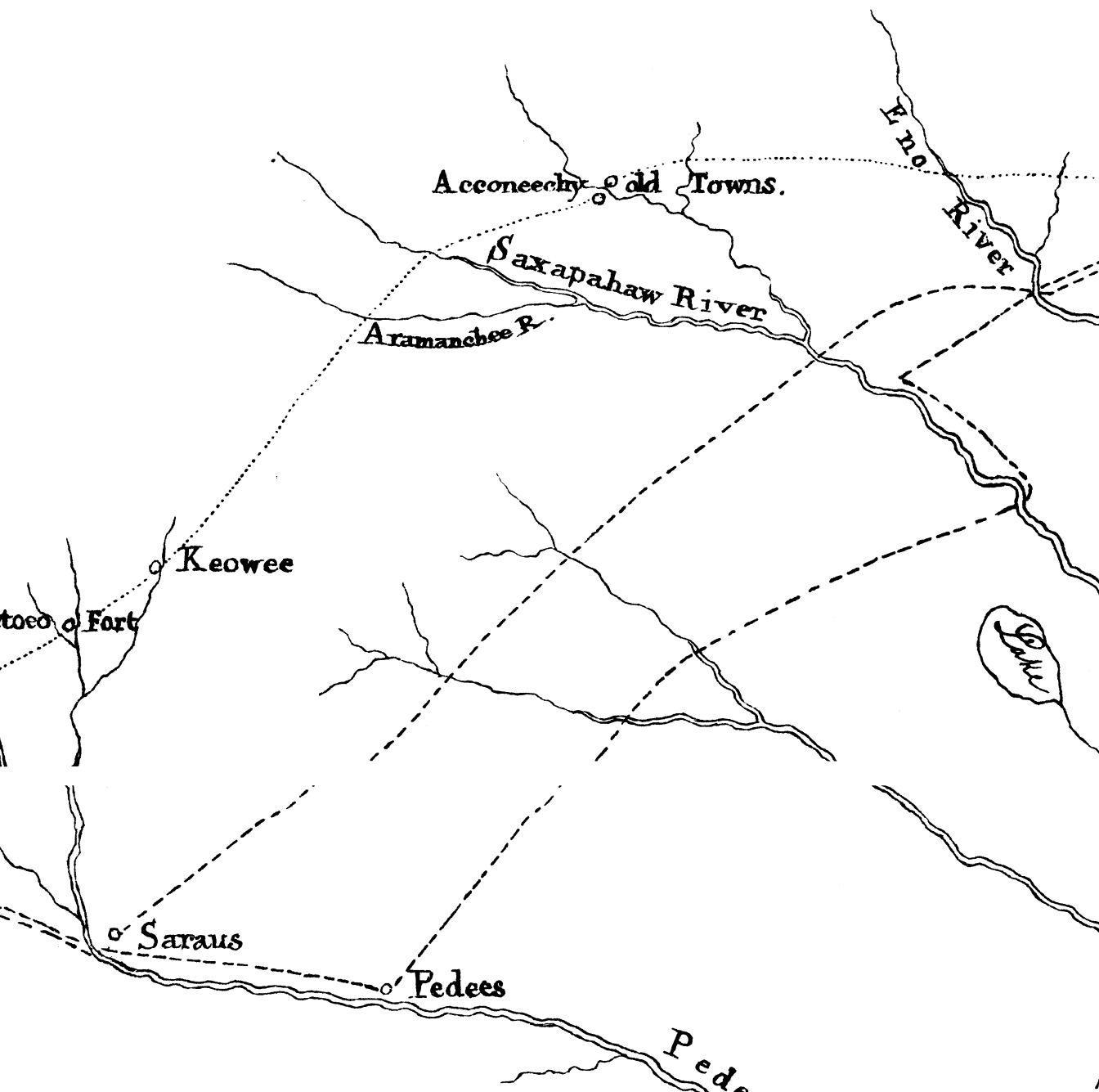
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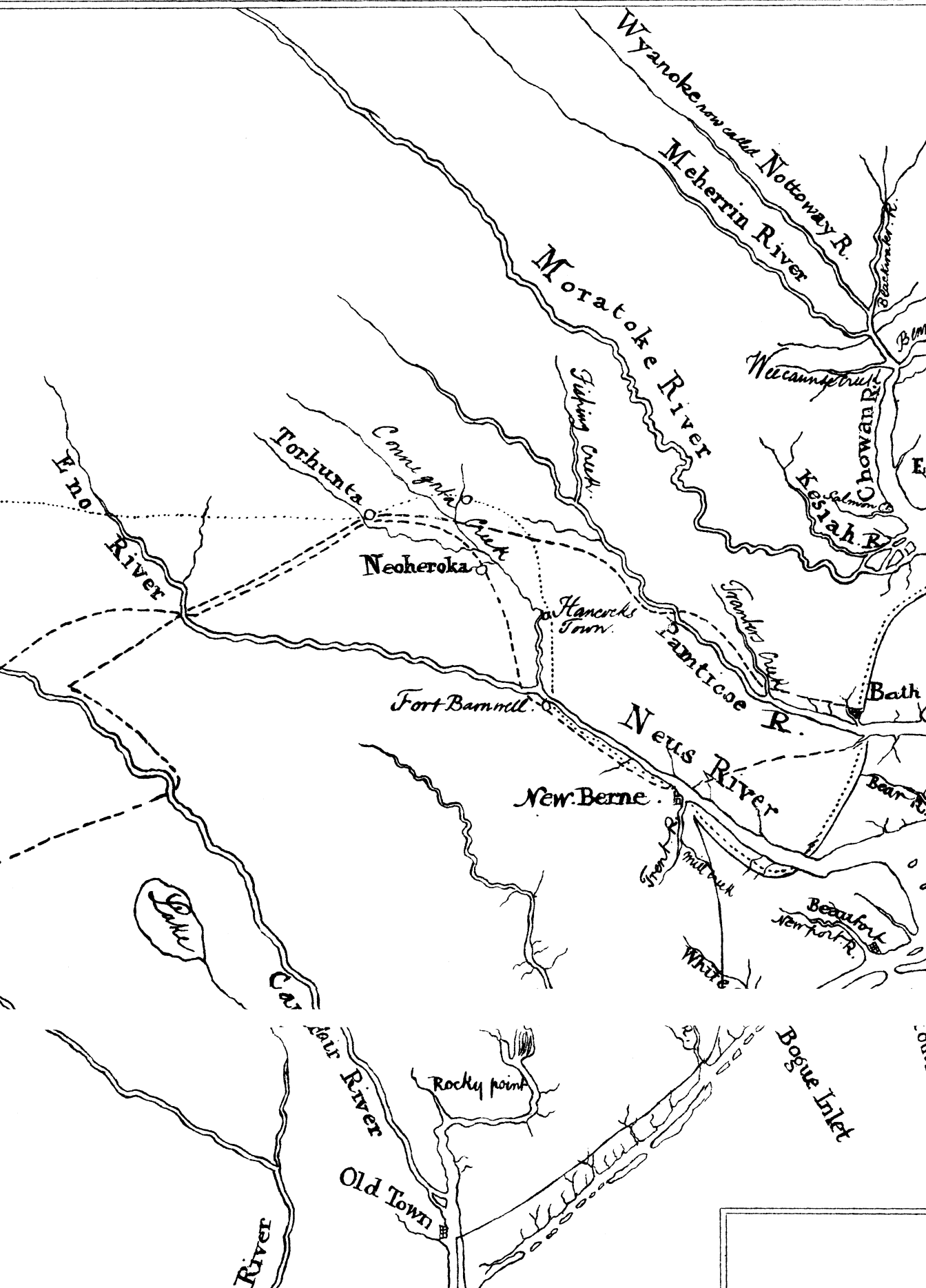
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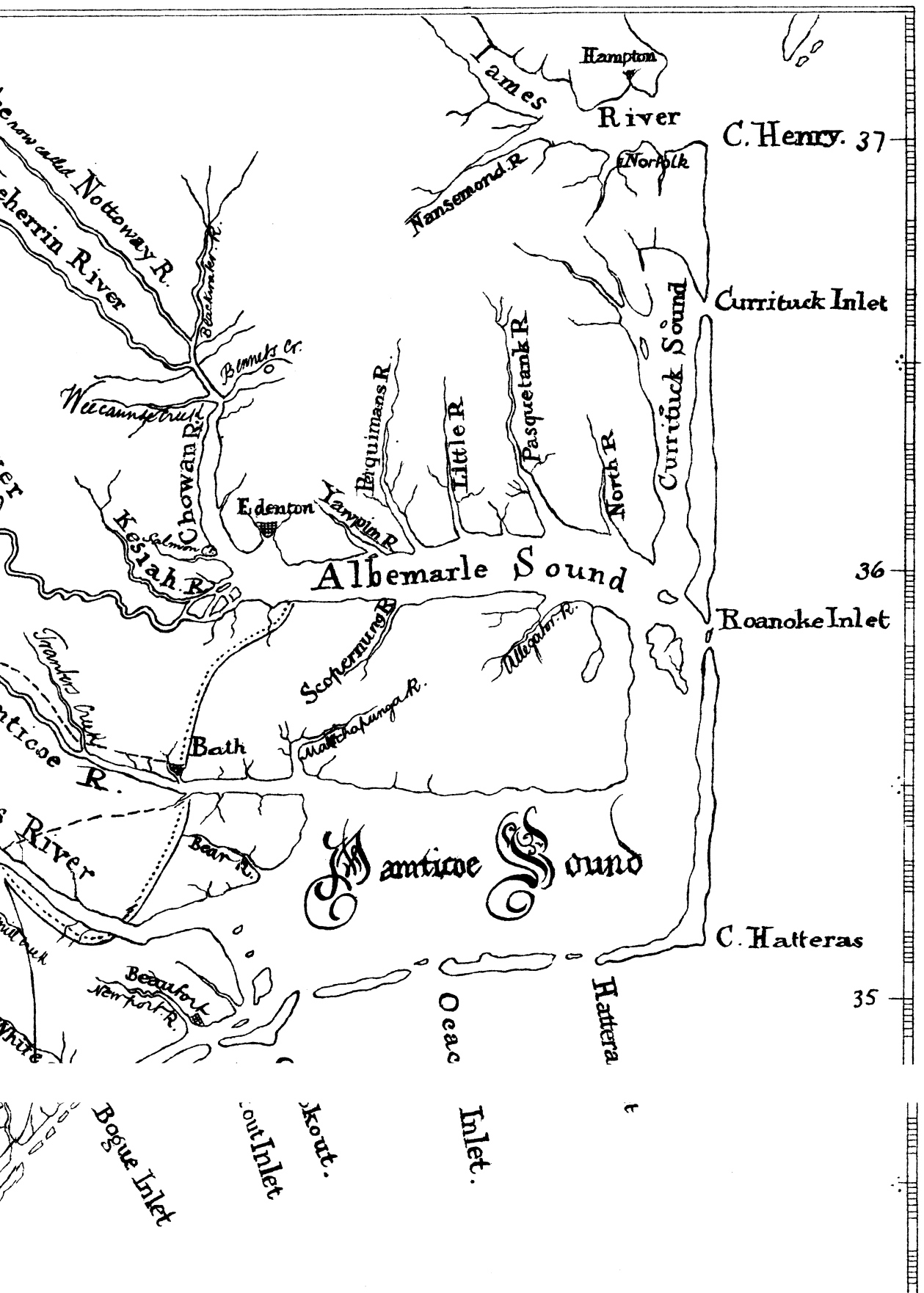
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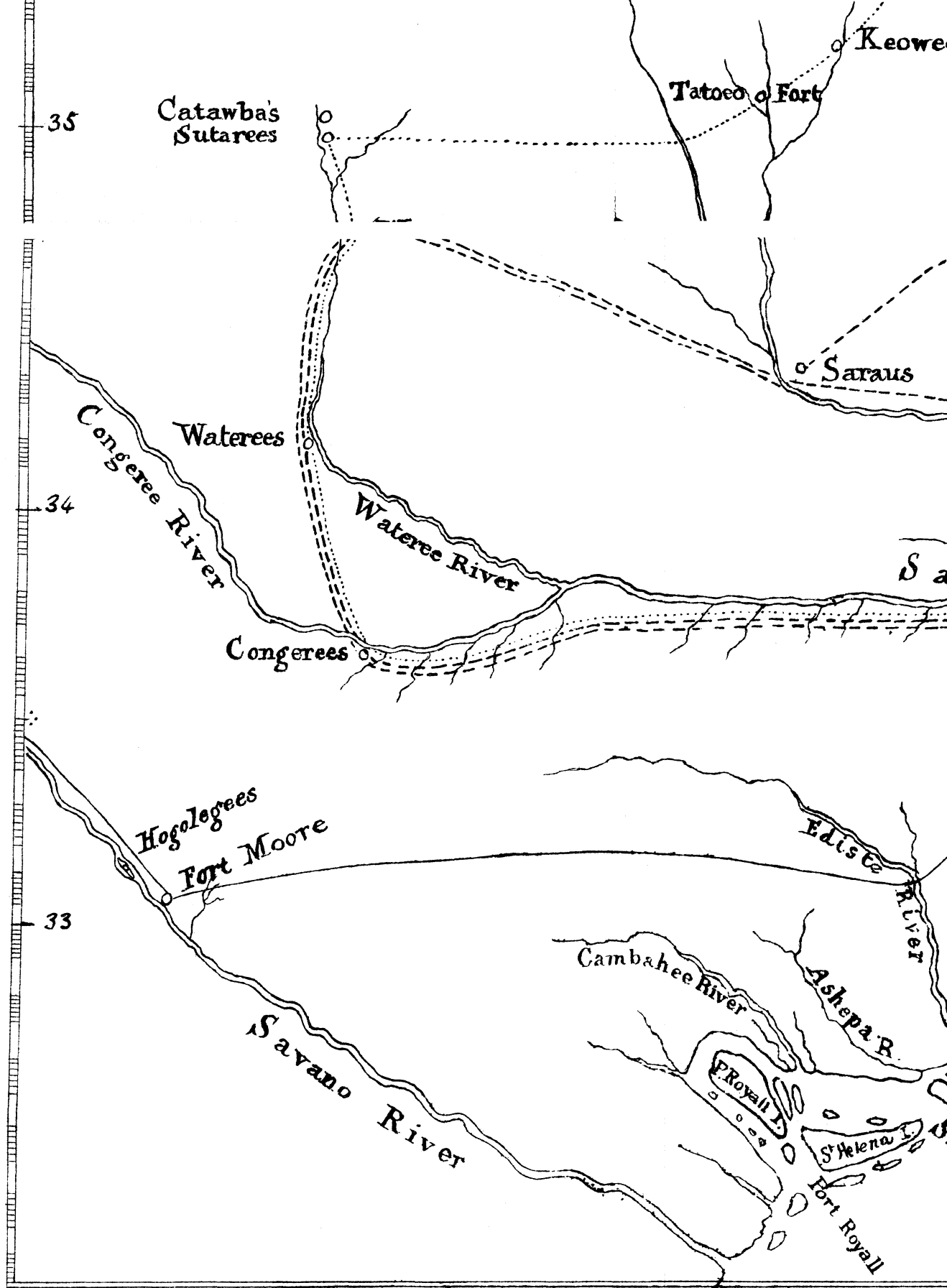
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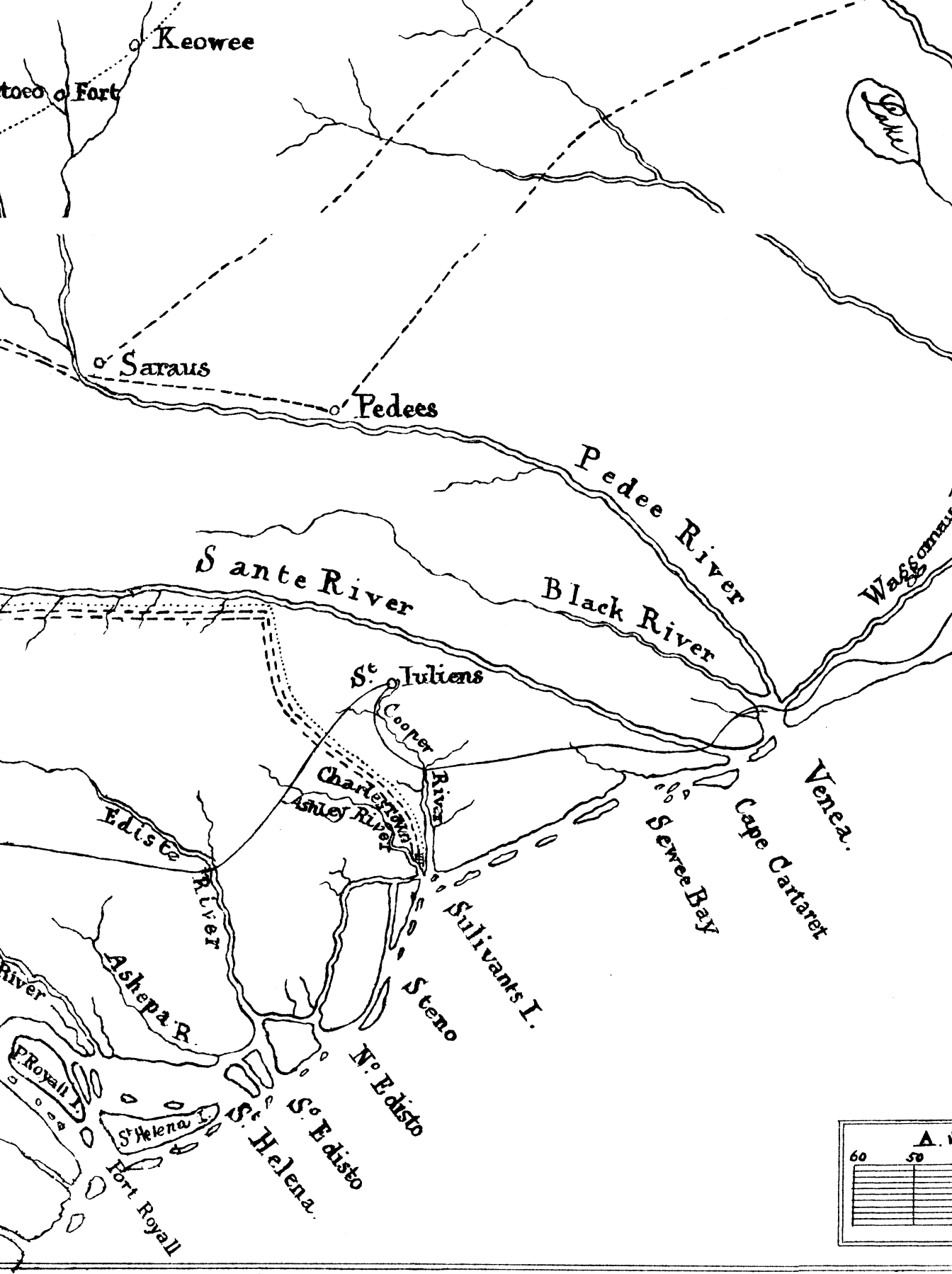
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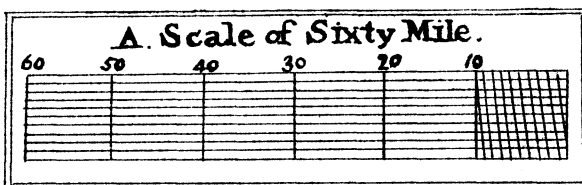
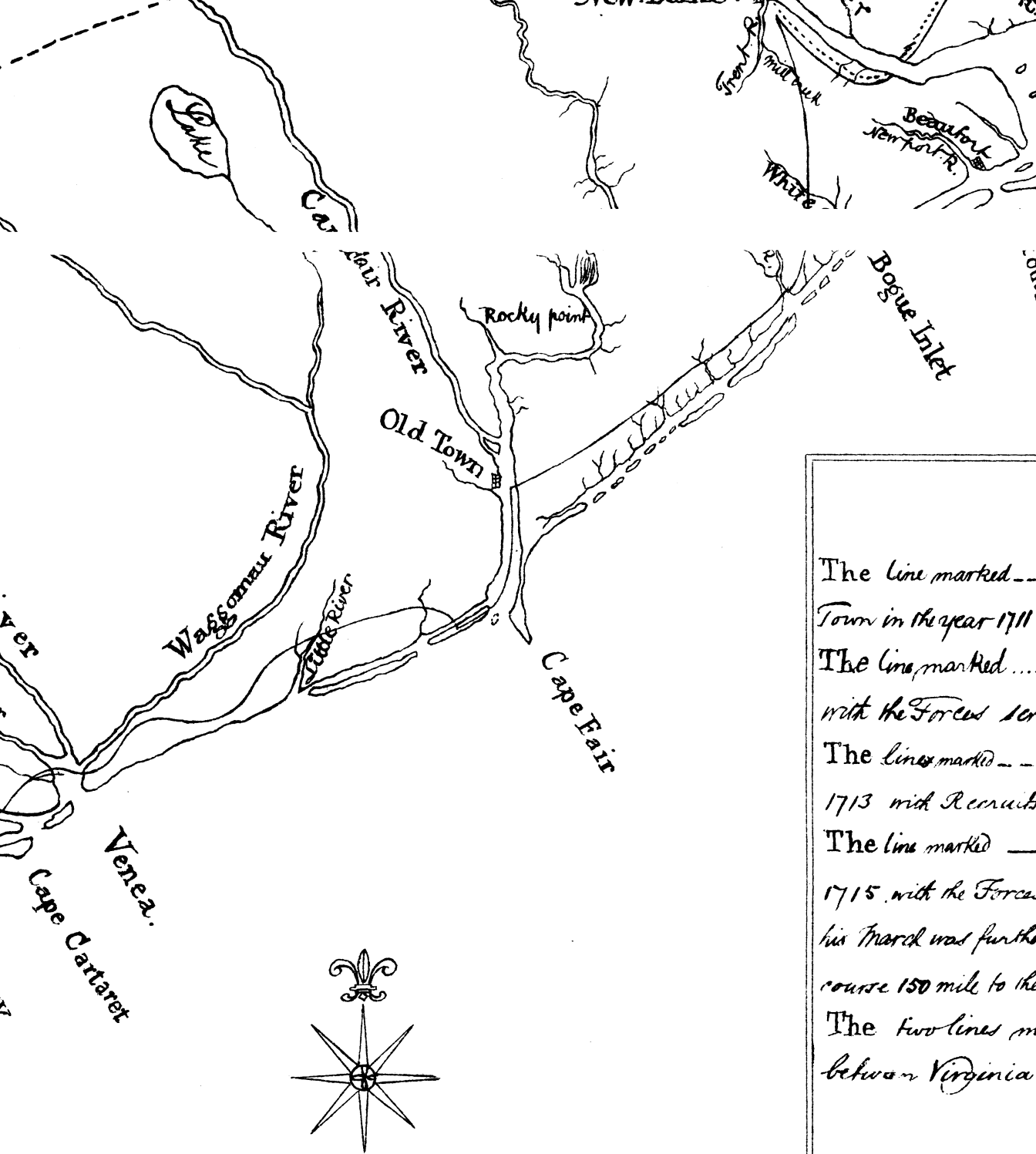




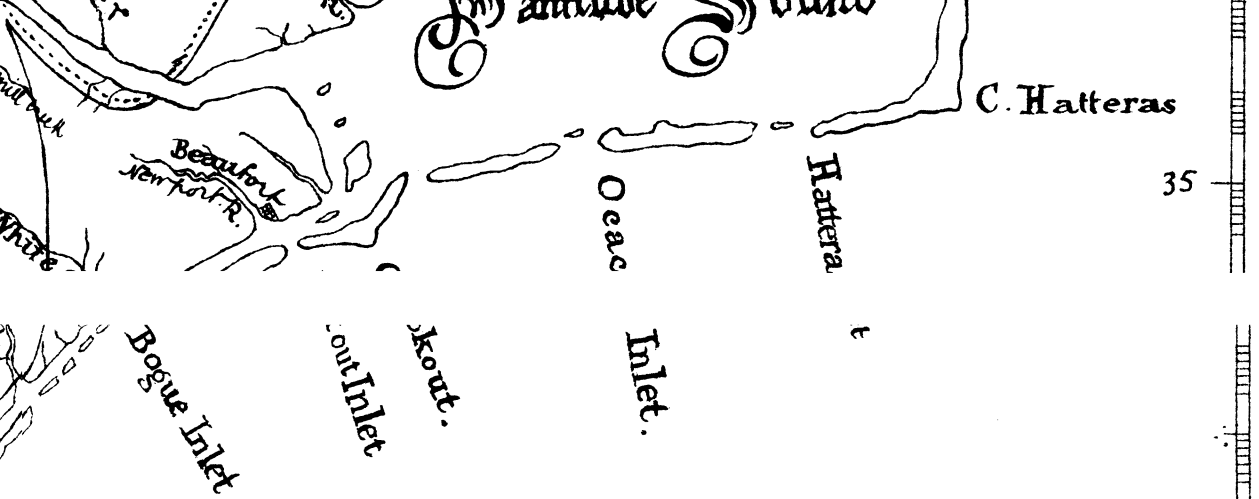








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The two lines marked from Currituck ^{shew} ~~show~~ the Contraverted Bounds between Virginia and Carolina



I have examined this tracing with the Original and find it accurate.

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